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**Example: written by a former NCWC Teaching Program student for Student Teaching Portfolio**

**B. Philosophy of Education**

            Education is one of the most valuable parts of our society. It has existed as long as mankind has existed. Teaching someone how to do something is a daily occurrence that most people overlook. We educate our children about rules, and the rights and wrongs. We educate our family members about events in our lives. I believe education is a broad aspect of society. Anytime you are giving beneficial information to another person, I believe you are educating them.

I believe Education, as it pertains to schooling, is the most important aspect of our society. I believe that I teach children to set them up for a successful future.  I believe that I can make a difference in children’s lives. As an elementary teacher, I am one of the most influential people in each of my students’ lives. I believe that each student’s success rate in his or her schooling career is based solely on their foundation of education. I believe as a teacher I am responsible for what my children learn, and how well they learn. Without a good foundation, my students cannot excel in their future studies.

I believe that the content I teach to my students will be equally spread between curriculum and self-development. I know that teaching my student their core subjects is important. Each of my children needs to receive a great foundation. I believe that when each one of my students leaves me they should be on grade level in all of their subjects. I know that it is close to impossible, but it is a goal I will do my best to achieve. I know that if my students fail, it means I have failed my students. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that I do all in my power to give my students the knowledge they need to succeed.

Alongside knowledge, I highly believe that I will be half of the influence on my students’ self-development. I will spend just as much time with my students as their parents do. At such a young age, children’s minds are being shaped daily, and it is my responsibility to teach these students core values. I believe my students should learn responsibility and respect for authority in my classroom. Honesty, integrity, faithfulness, loyalty, and work-ethic are also values I believe I am responsible for teaching. I also believe that I have a big influence in those children’s lives that do not have a good environment at home, or someone to teach them the values which are truly important. I believe I need to have an environment that will help mold my students into good human beings. I also believe that in almost all cases you can link a person’s bad decisions in their future to a lack of core value foundation in their childhood.

I believe that each student that sets foot in my classroom is a unique individual. Each student deserves their own personal attention and care. No student is the same, and therefore cannot be taught the same. I understand that I will come across classrooms that will have diverse demographics, as well as educational levels. I know that not every student will come into my classroom on the same level. With this understanding, I believe it is my responsibility to make sure that I can give the same opportunity of learning to each student. I know that just because a child is way ahead of the others, does not mean that he or she doesn’t need care and attention. I believe that each young mind is a sponge, and I am responsible for all the information that is absorbed by those minds while they are in my classroom.

As an educator, “why, what, and who,” I teach are important aspects. I teach because it is my responsibility to set a strong foundation up for each child, and to ensure that they succeed in life. The content I teach is important because not only am I providing core educational ideas that will ensure success throughout school and careers, but I am also molding young minds into good people that will positively affect our society in the future. Who I teach is the most important because each child is unique and becomes an example of how learning differentiates in the classroom, and how I can provide equal attention to all my students. Being an educator is important because I am influencing young children’s lives in a huge way. I believe that children are the most important part of society because they are the future, and what I can teach them impacts how the future will be affected.

[Philosophy of Ed examples](http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/ed416/sample.html)

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